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Dear Gary,

Your letter of the 16th and the Thunderbolt pages both arrived today. I've merely flanced at them, will read them later. Expect company soon. However, them seem to hintxthat Kathy was also one of theirs. Clearly, as I said, TXXX Tats is. Stoner has the most consistent clients-with the most consistent fates. If you come accross naything bearing on her having been NSRP or not living with her husband, another hint in the writing, I'd be interested. For other than COUP. I am considering a BOMB BABY BOMB book I'll not now take the time to go into. An executive at Bantam likes the idea and is still trying to help, although they have turned it down on the basis of not enough publicity to sell the book in the Congressional hearings.

If you have clear photographs, not printed ones, you can lend of the tie, howing its relationship to the collar, I can use, but not at any cost to you for I do have one that will suffice and there are the published ones, but these require the carrying of added weight into xxxxxx court and there will be too much of that anyway.

Chandler is a personable young man, well-liked by LIFE, but aside from a capacity of trading on LIFE's name to get things, I see no signs he is any kind of an investigator, as his own failings on a local story, the N.O. angles on the assassination, when he was on the paper, demonstrates. He was unaware of the significance of what he told the FBI or their mishandling of it-their diffidence, too. So, I'm prepared to believe that with much of his material right, some is wrong and that he can be, deliberately or otherwise, engaged in what amounts to a pasecesution because of Marcello's connections. I have little doubt there is political influence all that mlney and influence can and does buy. The name Gesevius seems familiar...There are ways in which I might be able to help, if it were wanted, my willingness being because of a belief the law should apply and be applied equally and because of opposition to double-jeopardy, which I think is also a factor in the overall. The Baton Rouge thing is, I believe, a McKeithen threat of a libel suit by the state, strangely enough, rather than the person.

Lil had spotted the Calley item in Parade and given it the same caption.

I've since skimmed the Tats-Kahty piece. It is hardly faithful to what happened and is a careful selection from what Nelson wrote, the essence of which it also has. The purposes were other than alleged, as the crime is other than described, byt for the NSRP, this is the more acuurate of their reporting.

If I do the quickie on bombing, I'll want to use this whole affair, from COUP.

If you missed it, Bowers' conviction was upheld by the Supreme Court (Neshoba case) and in the Dahmer case he is to be tried again, as I recall.

Sincerely,